

Homework 1 - Solutions

EXERCISE 1:

- a. Both lists have the same sample mean. You don't need to compute it. Let's examine the $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ for both lists.
List P : $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 2(1 - \bar{x})^2 + 2(2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + 2(1000 - \bar{x})^2 = 2A$.
List Q : $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 3(1 - \bar{x})^2 + 3(2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + 3(1000 - \bar{x})^2 = 3A$.
The sample variance of list P is: $s_P^2 = \frac{2A}{1999}$ and the sample variance of Q is $s_Q^2 = \frac{3A}{2999}$. Therefore the standard deviation of Q is smaller but just by a little. Note that if these 2 lists were populations the two standard deviations would have been equal.
- b. Both lists have the same sample mean (200). It is easy to see that the values of list P are more dispersed. Therefore list Q has smaller standard deviation.
- c. For both lists the sample mean is 20. For list P we have: $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 100(18 - 20)^2 + 100(19 - 20)^2 + 100(20 - 20)^2 + 100(21 - 20)^2 + 100(22 - 20)^2 = 100(4 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 4) = 1000$. For list Q we have: $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 150(18 - 20)^2 + 200(19 - 20)^2 + 150(22 - 20)^2 = 150(4 + 0 + 4) = 1200$. It follows that list P will have the smaller standard deviation.

EXERCISE 2:

New sample mean and sample variance in terms of \bar{x} and s^2 when a constant a is added to the original observations or when the original observations are multiplied by a constant a .

- a. The new observations will be $y_1 = x_1 + a, y_2 = x_2 + a, \dots, y_n = x_n + a$. The new sample mean is $\bar{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + a)}{n} = \bar{x} + a$. The new variance is $s_y^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + a - \bar{x} - a)^2}{n-1} = s_x^2$.
- b. The new observations will be $y_1 = ax_1, y_2 = ax_2, \dots, y_n = ax_n$. The new sample mean is $\bar{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n ax_i}{n} = a\bar{x}$. The new variance is $s_y^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i - a\bar{x})^2}{n-1} = a^2 s_x^2$.

EXERCISE 3:

The formula that converts Fahrenheit degrees into Celcius degrees is: $C = (F - 32) \frac{5}{9}$, where C is celcius degrees and F is Farenheit degrees. We know that the average temperature in Los Angeles is 85 Farenheit degrees with standard deviation 10 Farenheit degrees. $C = \frac{5}{9}F - \frac{160}{9}$. Therefore the average temperature in Celcius degrees is $\frac{5}{9}85 - \frac{160}{9} = 29.44$ Celcius degrees. The standard deviation in celcius degrees is $\frac{5}{9}10 = 5.56$ Celcius degrees.

EXERCISE 4:

- a. The sum of the 101 observations is $101(240.0) = 24240$. The new sum is:
New sum = $24240 - 230 + 200 - 250 + 280 = 24240$. Therefore the new mean is going to be the same as the old one: $\bar{x} = 240.0$.
- b. The sample variance is given by $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$, therefore we can compute:
 $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = (n-1)s^2 = (101-1)(25.88)^2 = 66977.44$. We must subtract from this calculation the quantity $(230 - 240)^2 + (250 - 240)^2 = 200$, and add the quantity $(200 - 240)^2 + (280 - 240)^2 = 3200$. The new $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 66977.44 - 200 + 3200 = 69977.44$. And finally the new sample variance is $s^2 = \frac{69977.44}{100} = 699.7744$, and the sample standard deviation is $s = \sqrt{699.7744} \Rightarrow s = 26.45$.

EXERCISE 5:

$$\begin{aligned}
s^2 &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - 2\bar{x}x_i + \bar{x}^2) = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\bar{x}^2 \right] = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{n} + n \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \right)^2 \right] = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n} + \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n} \right] = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n} \right] = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n^2} \right] = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \right)^2 \right] = \\
&\quad \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 6:

The sample covariance is given by $\text{cov}(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{cov}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i - \bar{y} x_i - \bar{x} y_i + \bar{x} \bar{y}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + n\bar{x} \bar{y} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n\bar{x} \bar{y} \right) = \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Note: $\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = n\bar{x} \bar{y}$.

EXERCISE 7:

From exercise 3b we find that the new standard deviations will be $c_1 \text{sd}(x)$ and $c_2 \text{sd}(y)$. Also the covariance will be $c_1 c_2 \text{cov}(x, y)$ and therefore the new correlation will no change because

$$r = \frac{c_1 c_2 \text{cov}(x, y)}{c_1 \text{sd}(x) c_2 \text{sd}(y)} = \text{cov}(x, y).$$

EXERCISE 8:

To plot the empirical cumulative distribution function we use the formula $F_n(x) = \frac{\#\{x'_i \leq x\}}{n}$. Make sure you have the numbers sorted from smallest to largest. We get the following table:

x	$F_n(x)$
1.5	$\frac{5}{20}$
3.6	$\frac{6}{20}$
5.8	$\frac{7}{20}$
10.5	$\frac{9}{20}$
13.0	$\frac{10}{20}$
16.0	$\frac{13}{20}$
20.0	$\frac{14}{20}$
25.0	$\frac{15}{20}$
30.0	$\frac{16}{20}$
31.0	$\frac{17}{20}$
50.0	$\frac{18}{20}$
60.0	$\frac{19}{20}$
61.0	$\frac{20}{20}$

The plot is given below with the R commands:

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x <- c(1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 3.6, 5.8, 10.5, 10.5, 13.0, 16.0, 16.0, 16.0,  
      20.0, 25.0, 30.0, 31.0, 50.0, 60.0, 61.0)
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y <- cdf(x)
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y <- ecdf(x)
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plot(y, do.points=FALSE, verticals=TRUE,  
     main="Empirical cumulative distribution function")
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